

## Data Source Documentation

<b>Indicator</b>	Abuse and neglect reports, children
<b>Demographic Group</b>	Wisconsin children under age 18
<b>Numerator</b>	The number of child abuse and neglect reports and substantiations in a given calendar year.
<b>Denominator</b>	The number of Wisconsin children under age 18
<b>Details about Data Item</b>	The tables show the total number of child abuse and neglect reports; the number of abuse/neglect reports per 1,000 population of children under age 18; and the number of reports where, after investigation, abuse/neglect was either found “likely to occur” or substantiated. The <i>Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature on Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect</i> , from which the data are taken, identifies four types of child maltreatment: physical neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse and emotional abuse. The data reported here include all of these types. A report may include more than one child.
<b>Other Data Information</b>	<p>In Wisconsin, alleged child abuse is reported to county social and human services departments, with the exception of Milwaukee, where it is reported to the state Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare. Findings from investigated reports are sent to, and compiled by, the Division of Children and Family Services in the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. (Note: Allegations are not investigated if the concerns expressed in the report do not reach the statutory definitions of alleged child maltreatment.)</p> <p>Prior to 2002, all Wisconsin child abuse and neglect data were submitted manually to the Department of Health and Family Services by county child welfare agencies using <i>Child Abuse and Neglect Investigation Report</i> (CFS-40) forms. In 2002, 40% of report data were submitted using a new automated system, the Wisconsin Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (WiSACWIS). The remaining data for 2002 were submitted using the CFS-40.</p>
<b>Reference Time Period</b>	Calendar year
<b>Data Source</b>	<p><i>Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature on Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect</i>; Office of Policy, Evaluation and Planning, Division of Children and Family Services; Department of Health and Family Services.</p> <p>(<a href="http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/Children/CPS/">http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/Children/CPS/</a>)</p>
<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>Additional information about the Wisconsin Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System is available at</p> <p><a href="http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/wisacwis/knowledge_web/Introduction_history/index.htm">http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/wisacwis/knowledge_web/Introduction_history/index.htm</a>.</p>

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